



ELECTORAL COMMISSION

REPORT – 7 JUNE 2022

The Electoral Commission (hereafter ELC) held an on-line meeting on 7th of June 2022, that was attended by all members of the ELC: Roberto Rivello (chairman), Francois Strydom and Lakhdar Mazouz.

Erald Dervishi, Observer nominated by the FIDE Continent – Europe (ECU) participated in the meeting as well.

The other Observers - Darcy Lima (Americas), Kezzie Msukwa (Africa), Rashid Alanezi (Asia) – apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

Darcy Lima, the day before the meeting, submitted written notes, that have been taken into account by the ELC.

The following points were inserted in the agenda, discussed and decided by the ELC.

I) Approval of the list of the Member Federations having right to vote (together with the names of the Presidents and of the FIDE Delegates);

In accordance with art. 3.4 of the Electoral Rules, sixty (60) days before elections, the FIDE Offices shall make public, both on the FIDE website and sending them to all Member Federations, a list of Member Federations having right to vote and a separate list of suspended Member Federations, if any, together with the names of the Presidents and FIDE Delegates.

These lists are just provisional ones; the ELC has the task to approve them carrying out only a preliminary exam, given that until thirty (30) days before elections, each Member Federation can communicate any election or nomination of a different FIDE Delegate or President.

The first point discussed by the ELC concerned the existence or not, at the present moment, of suspended Member Federations.

The FIDE Charter rules that the Council can suspend a Member Federation, with a decision that is immediately effective but subjected to confirmation by the General Assembly.

In occasion of the extraordinary meeting held on 27th of February 2022, regarding “the current situation and the urgent measures to be taken after the military action launched by Russia in Ukraine”, among other measures the Council, “following the call from IOC”, decided that “no Russian and Belarusian national flag be displayed or anthem be played in all FIDE-rated international chess events” and “suspended Russia and Belarus teams from FIDE competitions”, but did not suspend the Member Federations of Russia and Belarus.

Therefore, to this date, there are not suspended Member Federations, for what concerns the election of the President and members of the FIDE Council, of the Zone Presidents, and of the members of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission and of the Constitutional Commission (FIDE Continents can organise their internal elections in accordance with their internal rules). As a consequence, it is not necessary to prepare a separate list of suspended Member Federations.

The Council, in the last months, following an advisory opinion of the Constitutional Commission, decided to nominate a “FIDE reverse delegate” for some Member Federations. The decision to nominate a reverse delegate is aimed to help Member Federations, that were not able to fully respect all obligations prescribed by the FIDE Charter, to overcome their difficulties and problems, this way avoiding the more severe measure of the suspension of the FIDE membership.

“FIDE reverse delegates” have been charged and empowered, among other tasks, to liaise with national authorities, facilitating the solution of internal conflicts and to give impulse to the organisation of regular assemblies.

The ELC is informed that the mandate assigned to the FIDE reverse delegates has been extended by the Council until the end of June 2022 and that the Constitutional Commission has been requested to express an advisory opinion -about the current situation of these Member Federations- before the end of June 2022 as well. Therefore, the ELC shall wait for the consequent decisions of the Council -that it is likely will be assumed before next deadline of the 7th of July 2022-, before assuming any decision about voting powers and representation of these Member Federations, that in the current list will be indicated without mentioning the names of their President and Delegate.

Then, the ELC examined the data communicated by the FIDE Offices.

The Observers Darcy Lima and Erald Dervishi indicated two possible inaccurate references, regarding Member Federations of Ecuador and Cyprus. The ELC verified these indications and agreed on them.

About Member Federations of Belize, Dominica, Niger, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the ELC, considered that they became FIDE Members in December 2021, they will have no voting powers in 2022 FIDE Elections

Finally, the ELC approved the list annexed to this report, that the FIDE Offices shall publish on the FIDE website and shall communicate to all Member Federations, together with the part of this ELC report regarding this issue.

II) Approval of a list of valid Presidential ticket candidacies

In accordance with art. 21 of the Electoral Rules (Elections of the President and of the Deputy President):

- candidacies for the Presidential ticket (President and Deputy President) must reach FIDE Offices at the latest two months before the opening of the meeting of the General Assembly;
- the candidates President and Deputy President of the same ticket must not be representative from the same Member Federation;
- each ticket must be endorsed by nominations from at least five Member Federations, among them at least one from each of the four FIDE Continents, but by no more than eight Member Federations in total. Each Member Federation is entitled to endorse only one Presidential ticket;
- the ELC is competent to carry out a preliminary exam of the submitted candidacies and to approve a list of valid candidacies, that shall be announced on the FIDE website and made visible and accessible to all Member Federations.

The ELC is also requested to verify if the eligibility criteria listed in art. 4.1 of the Electoral Rules are met (among these, especially the following ones: “the candidate must have reached the age of 18; -the candidate must not be deprived of his or her civil rights, as an additional sanction related to the commission of a crime, as a result of an enforceable judgment of a national or international judicial authority; -the candidate must not have incurred any sanction of ineligibility, ban or exclusion from office, in relation to any violation of the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Code, following a final decision of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission or of the Electoral Commission) and if the submitted application forms contain all data and declarations requested by art. 5.2 of the Electoral Rules (among these, in particular the following ones: “if the candidate enjoys civil rights in the state of citizenship or residence; if the candidate incurred in any measure or sanction in relation to any violation of the FIDE Charter and FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Code or any other applicable regulations issued by FIDE organs; if incurred any measure or sanction in relation to any violation of regulations issued by a FIDE Member Federation; if incurred any measure or sanction in relation to any violation punished as a criminal offence at a national or international level”).

Before the stipulated deadline, FIDE Offices received five candidacies for the Presidential ticket, respectively from (in alphabetical order):

- Mr. Andrii Baryshpolets and Mr. Peter-Heine Nielsen;
- Mr. Inalbek Cheripov and Mr. Lewis Ncube;
- Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich and Mr. Anand Viswanathan;
- Mr. Enyonam Sewa Fumey and Mr. Stuart Fancy;
- Mr. Bachar Kouatly and Mr. Ian Wilkinson.

Regarding all these five candidacies, the ELC has verified that:

- the candidates for President and Deputy President of the same ticket are not representative from the same Member Federation;
- submitted application forms contain all data and declarations requested by art. 5.2 of the Electoral Rules, all candidates have declared, in particular, that they enjoy civil rights in their state of citizenship or residence, that they did not incur in any measure or sanction in relation to any violation of the FIDE Charter and FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Code, that they did not incur in any measure or sanction in relation to any violation punished as a criminal offence at a national or international level;
- eligibility criteria listed in art. 4.1 of the Electoral Rules are met, at least on the basis of the candidates' self-declarations.

The ticket of Mr. Andrii Baryshpolets and Mr. Peter-Heine Nielsen is endorsed by the nominations of the following Member Federations: South Sudan (Africa), Curacao (former Netherlands Antilles) (America), New Zealand (Asia), England (Europe), Lithuania (Europe), Netherlands (Europe), Norway (Europe). The South Sudan Federation nominated this ticket with an endorsement signed on the 6th of June 2022, by the President of this Federation, Mr. Aduot Madit Rigkher, as well as by the Secretary General and the Treasurer of this Federation. The same President, the day after, signed a different nomination, in favour of the different ticket of Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich and Mr. Anand Viswanathan. In accordance with art. 6.1 of the Electoral Rules each Member Federation is entitled to endorse only one candidate for each elected position and no endorsement can be withdrawn once approved and communicated. Therefore, only the nomination in favour of the ticket of Mr. Andrii Baryshpolets and Mr. Peter-Heine Nielsen can be considered as valid. It has to be noted that the next different nomination was transmitted directly by the South Sudan Federation, and it was not mentioned in their application by the candidates Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich and Mr. Anand Viswanathan, who do not appear to have any responsibility about this. Given that the ticket of Mr. Andrii Baryshpolets and Mr. Peter-Heine Nielsen is endorsed by the nominations of at least five Member Federations, including at least one from each of the

four FIDE Continents, this candidacy is declared valid and admissible in terms of art. 5.4 of the Electoral Rules.

The ticket of Mr. Inalbek Cheripov and Mr. Lewis Ncube is endorsed by the nominations of the following Member Federations: Sierra Leone (Africa), Barbados (America), Timor Leste (Asia), Ukraine (Europe), Zambia (Africa). Given that the ticket is endorsed by the nominations of at least five Member Federations, including at least one from each of the four FIDE Continents, this candidacy is declared valid and admissible.

The ticket of Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich. and Mr. Anand Viswanathan is endorsed by the nominations of the following Member Federations: Tunisia (Africa), Mexico (America), India (Asia), Cyprus (Europe), Panama (America), Indonesia (Asia), Nigeria (Africa), Montenegro (Europe). This ticket received also other endorsements, communicated directly by some Member Federations, correctly not included in the candidacy of the ticket. These endorsements, in any case, cannot be considered as nominations, exceeding the number previewed by art. 21.7 of the Electoral Rules. Given that the ticket is endorsed by the nominations of at least five Member Federations, including at least one from each of the four FIDE Continents, this candidacy is declared valid and admissible.

The ticket of Mr. Enyonam Sewa Fumey and Mr. Stuart Fancy is endorsed by the nominations of the following Member Federations: Togo (Africa), Haiti (America), Papua New Guinea (Asia), Egypt (Africa), Senegal (Africa), Burkina Faso (Africa). Unfortunately, this candidacy has not been endorsed by any Member Federation of the European Continent, therefore, in accordance with art. 21.7 of the Electoral Rules, it cannot be considered as valid and is rejected.

The ticket of Mr. Bachar Kouatly and Mr. Ian Wilkinson is endorsed by the nominations of the following Member Federations: Congo (Africa), Jamaica (America), Australia (Asia), Monaco (Europe), St. Kitts and Nevis (America), Grenada (America). Given that the ticket is endorsed by the nominations of at least five Member Federations, including at least one from each of the four FIDE Continents, this candidacy is declared valid and admissible.

In conclusion, the ELC approved the following list of valid Presidential ticket candidacies:

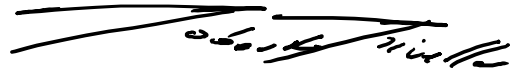
- Mr. Andrii Baryshpolets and Mr. Peter-Heine Nielsen;
- Mr. Inalbek Cheripov and Mr. Lewis Ncube;
- Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich and Mr. Anand Viswanathan;
- Mr. Bachar Kouatly and Mr. Ian Wilkinson.

The ELC asks FIDE Offices to publish this list on the FIDE website, together with this report, and to make it visible and accessible to all Member Federations and to all voters, in accordance with art. 21.8 of the Electoral Rules.

The ELC reminds all Member Federations that this is a preliminary decision taken after a preliminary exam of the candidacies, and that, in accordance with art. 21.9 of the Electoral Rules, “any complaint regarding the eligibility of a candidate for the position of President or Deputy President must be addressed to the Electoral Commission in writing within two weeks following the official announcement of the candidacies by the FIDE Offices on the FIDE web site”.

Turin, 7 June 2022

Roberto Rivello

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roberto Rivello', written over a horizontal line.